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Re: Sampling and Analysis Plan for Marine Terminal 5 and 6 Dredging

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Regional Dredge Team:

Enclosed please find the *Sampling and Analysis Plan for Dredge Material Characterization Marine Terminal 6, Berths 603-605, Marine Terminal 5, Berth 503 (SAP)* dated September 22, 2000.

As described in my Email to you on September 8, the Port of Portland is planning to dredge at Marine Terminal 5 and Marine Terminal 6. We are scheduled to begin dredging January 2001. Also as conveyed in my email, sampling was expected to occur the week of September 11 because of the time critical nature of the dredge project and the limited dredging window. Sampling was completed on September 15, 2000 in accordance with the enclosed SAP.

Please review the enclosed SAP and return comments by October 13, 2000. Although the physical sampling has been completed, there is still plenty of time to incorporate comments for the analytical plan. We would appreciate your careful review of the "decision tree" in the SAP (Figure 5) which identifies the process for the management of the dredge material to ensure protection of groundwater and surface water. If the decision process proves to be a reliable management tool, based on the comprehensive testing that will be conducted during this Pilot Project, we would propose to use such a process in future dredging events to streamline the characterization requirements for discharge to the upland rehandling facility.

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Because of a lack of options for dredge material disposal, including the recent closure of the local open-water flow-lane disposal site at Morgans Bar, the Port is proposing to place the dredged material in the Suttle Road Dredge Rehandle Facility. This Dredge Rehandle Facility is a Pilot Project to dewater the dredge material at an upland site. The dewatered material will then be evaluated for reuse options.

The dredging permit (ACOE 96-0496 and DSL 7391) for Terminal 6 (Columbia River) is currently in the review process at the Corps of Engineers and Division of State Lands (DSL). The review process is expected to be completed by end of November 2000. The dredging permit (ACOE 8760 and DSL 2080) for Terminal 5 (Willamette River) is current and does not expire until February 1, 2001. A permit renewal for the Willamette River will be forwarded to the agencies in October 2000.

Thank you in advance for your review. I will be following up with a phone call to each of you before October 13 to make sure you received the SAP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Childs".

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